THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Seven Junior Engineers who joined CPWD during the period 1980 to 1985 have not been confirmed till date.

(b) The reasons for not issuing order of confirmation of the above mentioned Junior Engineers are (i) Vigilance clearance not being available due to departmental enquiries pending against them or punishment period not over, (ii) Departmental examination not passed, (iii) Confidential Reports not available, (iv) Period of absence not regularised etc.

(c) All concerned officials have been directed to take immediate action for confirming the JEs who are cleared from vigilance angle and are otherwise eligible for confirmation as per rules.

Upgradation of Beldars in CPWD under ACP Scheme

445. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is compulsory to pass the trade test for getting financial upgradation under ACP Scheme in case of Beldars of CPWD;

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take to conduct trade test for the Beldars at a regular interval;

(c) whether Beldars of CPWD who retired during the year 2001 after completing more than 30 years service without passing trade test are entitled to get financial upgradation as per the ACP Scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A calendar has been drawn for conducting trade test at regular intervals.

(c) to (e) No, Sir. The guidelines of the ACP scheme do not permit financial upgradation for those who have not passed the requisite trade test.